

(Hartford) – Today **Congressman John B. Larson** announced that \$750,000 in federal funding has been awarded to the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHCACT) to provide a full range of HIV specialty medicine and social services to infants, children, youth and women who are infected or affected by HIV/ AIDS. The funding is being awarded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Ryan White Title IV AIDS Healthcare Program.

"The Ryan White program is an important safety net for those affected by HIV/AIDS, and helps Connecticut communities provide access to lifesaving services for thousands," Congressman Larson said. "Ensuring care for those affected by HIV/AIDS is the right thing to do for the individuals who need it and for our entire community, so I'm glad to see that the Department of Health continues to recognize the important impact this funding has on the lives of so many across Connecticut."

"The Community Health Center Association of CT has had the privilege of serving as the Ryan White Part D grantee for Connecticut for over 20 years. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the seven Federally Qualified Health Centers who partner with us in caring for Connecticut infants, children, youth and women who are affected and/or infected by HIV," said Evelyn A. Barnum, JD, CEO of CHCACT, a not-for-profit service organization dedicated to strengthening and supporting the operations of community health centers across Connecticut.

Offering funding for primary medical care and HIV related health support, the Ryan White program provides services for over 500,000 people each year. The funding for Connecticut will go towards providing HIV medical care, behavioral health and oral health services, medical case management, nutritional counseling, outreach, adherence monitoring and education services for HIV / AIDS patients at Health Centers in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Willimantic, and Torrington.

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